

PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

DATE: August 04, 2004

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:02 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 8:31 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Attending Members

Mary Moriarty Adams, Chairwoman
Sherron Franklin
Lynn McWhirter
William Oliver
Lincoln Plowman
Steve Talley
Scott Schneider

Absent Members

AGENDA

PROPOSAL NO. 442, 2004 approves an increase of \$41,250 in the 2004 budget of the Marion County Clerk (State and Federal Grants Fund) to fund the supervisor salary for the Pro Bono Project, funded by a grant from Indiana Criminal Justice Institute
“Postponed” until next meeting

Vote: 7-0

PROPOSAL NO. 443, 2004 approves an increase of \$32,694 in the 2004 Budget of Marion County Prosecutor (State and Federal Grants Fund) to fund individual, group and family therapy addressing systems of battered women and their children as a result of physical and emotional abuse through the Julian Center, funded by a grant from Indiana
“Do Pass”

Vote: 7-0

PROPOSAL NO. 444, 2004 approves an increase of \$81,045 in the 2004 Budget of Marion County Prosecutor (State and Federal Grants Fund) to fund the Salvation Army Social Service Center to provide quality shelter and supportive services to women and children who are victims of domestic violence, funded by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute through the U.S. Department of Justice
“Do Pass”

Vote: 7-0

PROPOSAL NO. 445, 2004 approves an increase of \$26,700 in the 2004 Budget of Marion County Prosecutor (State and Federal Grants Fund) to fund Hispanic Outreach Project, which provides accessibility to services for Hispanic individuals in central Indiana, funded by a grant from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute
“Do Pass”

Vote: 7-0

PROPOSAL NO. 446, 2004 approves an increase of \$31,994 in the 2004 Budget of Marion County Prosecutor (State and Federal Grants Fund) to fund the Adult Protective Services Victim Assistance Program for Family Service Association, funded by a grant from Indiana Criminal Justice Institute
“Do Pass”

Vote: 7-0

PROPOSAL NO. 447, 2004 approves an increase of \$95,237 in the 2004 Budget of Marion County Prosecutor (State and Federal Grants Fund) to fund 2.5 trained child interviewers located at the Child Advocacy Center, funded by a grant from Indiana Criminal Justice Institute through the U.S. Department of Justice
“Do Pass”

Vote: 7-0

PROPOSAL NO. 448, 2004 approves an increase of \$195,577 in the 2004 Budget of Marion County Prosecutor (State and Federal Grants Fund) to fund Centers of Hope at all Marion County hospitals, which provide comprehensive care to victims of sexual assault, funded by a grant from Indiana Criminal Justice Institute through the U.S. Department of Justice Victims of Crime Act
“Do Pass”

Vote: 7-0

PROPOSAL NO. 449, 2004 approves an increase of \$346,062 in the 2004 Budget of Marion County Prosecutor (State and Federal Grants Fund) to fund the Adult Protective Services Unit, funded by a grant from Family Social Services Administration
“Do Pass”

Vote: 7-0

PROPOSAL NO. 468, 2004 amends the Revised Code with respect to various fees paid to the Marion County Sheriff's Department
“Postponed” until next meeting

Vote: 7-0

BUDGET HEARING

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Emergency Management

Weights and Measures
Animal Care and Control Division
Indianapolis Fire Department and Pension Fund
Indianapolis Police Department and Pension Fund

PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

The Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee of the City-County Council met on Wednesday, August 04, 2004, Chairwoman Mary Moriarty Adams called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m., with the following members present: Sherron Franklin, Lynn McWhirter, William Oliver, Lincoln Plowman, Steve Talley and Scott Schneider.

PROPOSAL NO. 442, 2004 approves an increase of \$41,250 in the 2004 budget of the Marion County Clerk (State and Federal Grants Fund) to fund the supervisor salary for the Pro Bono Project, funded by a grant from Indiana Criminal Justice Institute

Councillor McWhirter moved, seconded by Councillor Oliver, to “Postpone” Proposal No. 442, 2004. The motion was carried by a 7-0 vote.

PROPOSAL NO. 443, 2004 approves an increase of \$32,694 in the 2004 Budget of Marion County Prosecutor (State and Federal Grants Fund) to fund individual, group and family therapy addressing systems of battered women and their children as a result of physical and emotional abuse through the Julian Center, funded by a grant from Indiana

Lisa Bentley, Chief of Operations for the Marion County Prosecutor’s Office, stated Proposal No. 443 is for the Julian Center which provides assistance, both material and emotional, to women and children that have been victims of physical or emotional abused.

PROPOSAL NO. 444, 2004 approves an increase of \$81,045 in the 2004 Budget of Marion County Prosecutor (State and Federal Grants Fund) to fund the Salvation Army Social Service Center to provide quality shelter and supportive services to women and children who are victims of domestic violence, funded by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute through the U.S. Department of Justice

Ms. Bentley stated in Proposal No. 444, the Salvation Army Social Service Center provides shelter to women and children who are homeless, including those who were victims of domestic violence. For their clients, the center helps to obtain protective orders and legal assistance. The Salvation Army provided services for 421 clients from July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004. Ms. Bentley said the matches for Proposal Nos. 443 and 444 are paid by those agencies and not by the Prosecutor’s office.

PROPOSAL NO. 445, 2004 approves an increase of \$26,700 in the 2004 Budget of Marion County Prosecutor (State and Federal Grants Fund) to fund Hispanic Outreach Project, which provides accessibility to services for Hispanic individuals in central Indiana, funded by a grant from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute

Ms. Bentley stated that Proposal No. 445 is the Breaking Free Program and is now managed by the Family Service Association. This grant will pay for a full time staff person to assist Hispanic individuals.

PROPOSAL NO. 446, 2004 approves an increase of \$31,994 in the 2004 Budget of Marion County Prosecutor (State and Federal Grants Fund) to fund the Adult Protective Services Victim Assistance Program for Family Service Association, funded by a grant from Indiana Criminal Justice Institute

In Proposal No. 446, Ms. Bentley stated that this is the second program managed by Family Service Association and this grant will pay for a full time staff to assist in the Victim Assistance Program.

PROPOSAL NO. 447, 2004 approves an increase of \$95,237 in the 2004 Budget of Marion County Prosecutor (State and Federal Grants Fund) to fund 2.5 trained child interviewers located at the Child Advocacy Center, funded by a grant from Indiana Criminal Justice Institute through the U.S. Department of Justice

Ms. Bentley stated that Proposal No. 447 funds 2.5 trained child interviewers to minimize the trauma to the children who have been victimized. These are specially trained interviewers who deal with children. This grant is an in line match by the office of the Marion County Prosecutor.

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Ms. Bentley stated in Proposal No. 448 a program which provide comprehensive care to victims of sexual assault is housed in five area hospitals: Methodist, St. Vincent, St Francis, Community and Wishard. This program has served 1190 adults and 201 children who have been victims of sexual assault.

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In Proposal No. 449, this is the second year of a grant from Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) which funds the Adult Protective Services Unit. This program provides services to four counties: Boone, Hamilton, Hendricks and Marion.

Councillor McWhirter asked if there is any new money involved with any of the proposals. Ms. Bentley answered in the negative.

Councillor Oliver moved, seconded by Councillor McWhirter, to send Proposal Nos. 443 - 449, 2004 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 468, 2004 amends the Revised Code with respect to various fees paid to the Marion County Sheriff's Department

Steven Eichholtz, General Counsel for the Marion County Sheriff's Department (MCSD), stated the purpose of this proposal is to propose some new and revised fees that are allowed to be charged by MCSD. This will also create some funds to maintain the fees. The sheriff has developed these opportunities because of some of the fiscal constraints the MCSD, the county, and the city are facing. Mr. Eichholtz said he was asked to look at possible sources of increased revenues using fees that are not being charged, fees that are currently being charged but possibly could be increased, and scour any ordinances or statutes that may be worth utilizing. Some of these fees are authorized by state statute; others are authorized as service fees or user fees under the home rule statute.

Mr. Eichholtz stated they are proposing new Civil Division Fees for the Sheriff's Civil Division under Sec. 131-107. Section (b) proposes a new fee to be charged for Sheriff sales, which are foreclosures for property and judicial liens. Currently, there are no fees being charged on those sales. Other counties around the state have various fees that they charge for Sheriff sales, such as a posting fee, and a fee to sign the deed. The MCSD will only charge one fee of \$200.00 for Sheriff sales. The history of foreclosures averages about 500 per month. In addition, MCSD is proposing a Civil Division Fee for the time spent serving evictions. Mr. Eichholtz said the request is for authority to impose a fee of \$50.00 per hour with a minimum of 1 hour. The Sheriff will receive an order to evict someone, and the landlords or other people involved in the eviction process will ask the deputy to remain onsite while people move or while the locks are changed. This can sometimes take up to 8 hours. In addition there are a number of times that people call and request services, but when the deputy arrives, there is no one present. This causes staffing problems, and if the people involved in the eviction process realize that they have to pay for that service they may use it more judiciously. Mr. Eichholtz asked Council to create a Sheriff's non-reverting fund for the purposes of depositing these fees. The fund would then be able to be accessed by the Sheriff upon appropriation by the Council.

Mr. Eichholtz stated that Sec. 131-108 is an amendment to an existing ordinance, which currently allows the Sheriff to set health care co-payments. The MCSD currently has a contract with Wishard hospital to provide the medical services, and they are very interested in a request for an increase for the co-pay that is currently charged. The current charges are a \$3.00 co-pay for prescriptions and a \$6.00 co-pay for medical visits. MCSD is asking to increase those to \$15.00, which is the maximum limit allowed by state statute. Mr. Eichholtz explained that these fees are deducted from the inmate's commissary account, but in order to collect the fees Section (c) states what the inmate has to have before he is required to pay the fees. The inmates must have money in their commissary account at the time of the service or within 60 days. Mr. Eichholtz explained the current ordinance does not comply with state statute, which requires the county to create a county medical care fund for inmates, which is to be appropriated by the City County Council to address the medical needs of the jail. This fund is to be a non-reverting fund to use in repaying the prison medical cost. This statute is IC 11-12-5-5(d).

Mr. Eichholtz stated Sec. 131-110 allows a Sheriff to impose a prisoner per diem fee of the lesser of \$30 or 30 days if the prisoner meets certain conditions and has been sentenced. This statute will also create a prisoner inmate reimbursement fund, and the fees placed in a non-reverting fund to be used by maintenance, construction, and operation of the jail or the juvenile facility.

Councillor Talley requested an amendment for Proposal No. 468 by deleting Sec.1 (d), at the request of the auditor. Dan Jones, Marion County Deputy Auditor, asked that the amendment remove the "Marion County Sheriff's Department".

Councillor McWhirter stated there are some questions with this whole ordinance that need to be answered before she would be willing to vote on anything. Mr. Jones stated he has not had the time to have legal counsel review this proposal.

Chairwoman Moriarty Adams asked that if the Sheriff's Department generates the revenue, why can't the Sheriff's Department keep the revenue with the fund? Can they create a Sheriff's General Fund? Mr. Jones said that he is not sure it is appropriate. There is no real provision that allows the Sheriff's Department to have a second general fund. Mr. Eichholtz recommended that instead of calling it the Sheriff's General Fund let it be called the County Sheriff's Department Civil Division Fees Fund. Chairwoman Moriarty Adams stated there is already an amendment on the floor that needs to be taken care of first. Councillor Talley said he would like to withdraw his request for the first amendment, and request a different amendment for this proposal to change the language in this ordinance.

Councillor Talley moved, seconded by Councillor Oliver, per Mr. Eichholtz's recommendation, to amend Proposal No. 468 to change the title of the Sheriff's Fees Fund, to the County Sheriff's Department Civil Division Fees Fund.

Councillor Schneider asked if there is a fund called the Civil Division Fees Fund that currently exists. Mr. Eichholtz answered in the negative. Councillor Schneider then asked if the same regulation of the Sheriff's General Fees Fund apply to this new Civil Division Fees Fund. Mr. Jones answered in the affirmative. Mr. Eichholtz said the only fees from the civil department that go into the Sheriff's General Fees Fund are the civil division-processing fees. If the Sheriff's Department wants that fee going into this other funds that is their option. But the other fees that will go into the Civil Division Fees Fund are all new fees. Councillor Schneider stated he is confused about the new language in his copy of the proposal. Mr. Eichholtz stated that there are some mistakes in the proposal. Councillor Schneider said he would need a copy of the correct proposal before he would be willing to vote on anything.

Councillor Franklin asked that since Civil Deputies are not merit and would not go on police runs, from what responsibilities are they being taken away? Mr. Eichholtz stated they are responsible for service of process. If a Civil Deputy is at a site for 8 hours, he cannot perform his primary duties.

Councillor Franklin asked if the money in this new fund is to be used by the Civil Division only. Mr. Eichholtz answered that these fees would be used by the MCSD.

Councillor Schneider asked if there are any stipulations on how these funds are used. Mr. Eichholtz answered that funds would have to be appropriated by the City County Council. Councillor Schneider asked that in the section on foreclosure fees, who would pay the fee on the foreclosure and who handles the evictions? Mr. Eichholtz answered that the lender would pay the fee on the mortgage foreclosures and in Sec. 131-109 (c), the landlord would pay the fee. He said the township Constable would handle evictions that are in Small Claims Court. The Sheriff's Department handles the evictions that are in Superior Court. Councillor Schneider asked if the function of the Civil Division is to oversee the evicted party moving out of the premises, then why is there a fee being imposed on the landlord? Mr. Eichholtz answered that the function of the Sheriff's Department is to serve the paper and that is it. In the past the Civil Division Deputies have assisted in overseeing as an accommodation to the landlord. Councillor Schneider asked if the Landlords Association has been contacted about this possible fee. Mr. Eichholtz answered in the negative.

Councillor Talley asked if Mr. Eichholtz would provide a clean copy of the proposal with the new language before the next Public Safety meeting. Mr. Eichholtz answered in the affirmative.

Councillor McWhirter moved, seconded by Councillor Schneider, to postpone Proposal No. 468, 2004 until Wednesday August 11, 2004. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

Councillor Oliver asked if the Council could get at copy of some examples of the fee structure from other cities and municipalities that may have similar fee schedules as the one that is being proposed here in Marion county. Mr. Eichholtz answered in the affirmative.

Chairwoman Moriarty Adams asked if the Council could get some idea of what kind of revenue these fees would generate. Mr. Eichholtz answered in the affirmative.

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BUDGET HEARING

Overview – City Controller Barbara Lawrence

Barbara Lawrence, Controller of the City of Indianapolis, said she first would like to give thanks to Jeff Seidenstein, Amy McFadden and all of the Public Safety staff for all their hard work. She stated there are several great things about the 2005 budget, the first of which is the budget continues to fund all of the basic services, especially the services in the Public Safety arena that the residents expect. Some examples of where the funding goes are to the fire and police departments, the sewer services, storm water projects, economic development, sidewalks and parks. It continues to fund the arts at the current level. The budget contemplates no layoffs or salary reductions and it is funded without a tax rate increase. However, this budget is full of stopgaps, patches, and one time fixes, and the city cannot continue to put its budget together this way. The proposed 2005 budget will total \$542.7 million and the budget is broken down into projected revenues and expenditures. Next year's budget is based on the assumption that the county income tax revenue will be a level move from 2004 to 2005. The proposed budget will be using \$46.2 million of the fund balance to make this budget work.

Ms. Lawrence stated the city received some bad news regarding a reduction in assessed value at the start of 2004, which meant the city would receive less money for essential services. About 99% of the \$5.8 million that the city stood to lose over the course of the year was in Public Safety. In addition, as the city looked at financial projections, and other accounting information and data, the city was looking at about a \$33 million short fall in funding for Public Safety this year. The city recently received information that the COIT revenue might decline substantially next year, and because Public Safety uses the COIT, this department will get hit the hardest. She said there is only one area left where budget cuts can be made and that is in salaries and benefits. Ms. Lawrence explained a slide presentation on the budget which is Exhibit A.

[Clerk's Note: Exhibit A is on file with the original set of minutes from this meeting in the Council office.]

Key points of the slide presentation are:

1. The City Controller has taken a more active roll in reviewing travel requests and purchasing requests.
2. The projected revenue is \$547.7 million.
3. The city made great efforts in the past 2 years to create reductions.
4. The MECA tax rate was decreased by the state for some unknown reason and the City Controller's office is asking the City County Council to set the rate back to what was passed in the 2004 budget.
5. The Controller's office is looking at ways to try and lessen the impact of the pension obligation by the creation of a pension stabilization account and the issuance of pension obligation bonds.
6. The Controller's office is projecting a fund balance at the end of 2005 of \$95.7 million.

Chairwoman Moriarty Adams asked who reduced the MECA tax rate. Ms. Lawrence answered the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF).

Councillor Franklin asked if the Controller's office is working directly with the Public Safety Director in trying to come up with a better budget, and take a closer look at the pension. Ms. Lawrence answered in the affirmative. She said that the City is at a point where there is a conflict between the pension obligation and the public safety obligation, and the city is trying to avoid that. However, the city is obligated by state law to pay this pension.

Councillor Schneider asked what the state or municipal government's recommendation is for a fund balance. Ms. Lawrence stated she would be able to provide that information to the Council when that information becomes available. Councillor Schneider questioned if the pension bond proposal was drafted yet. Ms. Lawrence stated that it was not, and it would be introduced at the August 23, 2004 meeting. Councillor Schneider asked where the Indianapolis Works program falls within the budget, and if the program would end up in a proposal. Ms. Lawrence said there are many issues that need to be addressed before the proposal will be ready to be brought to the Council.

Chairwoman Moriarty Adams asked if there was anything in the exhibit that showed the amount of relief from the state. Ms. Lawrence answered in the affirmative. She added the city had a Pension Stabilization account in 1992 and the plan was to dedicate a large distribution to the pension, but the city stopped making a contribution to the plan. The funds that remained in that account were spent over the 1990's and were exhausted with the 2000 budget.

Overview – Robert Turner, Director of Department of Public Safety

Robert Turner, Director of the Department of Public Safety, stated the mission of the Department of Public Safety is to keep the communities, citizens, and property safe, and DPS seeks to do this by managing the budget, manpower and equipment effectively and efficiently without

compromising public safety. He stated the Indianapolis Police Department (IPD) is the largest law enforcement agency in the state of Indiana besides the National Guard. Mr. Turner said there is no agency in the state of Indiana that handles special events like the IPD.

Mr. Turner stated the Emergency Management Division responds to all hazards whether they are natural or man made. Money that once went to other things now goes into training to fight Terrorism due to recent events in the world. DPS has employees that work with the Red Cross and other relief organizations so when there are tornadoes and floods, DPS can respond quickly and provide relief to those in need.

Mr. Turner said the Animal Care and Control Division is a very clean facility now. This department is trying to reduce the pet population and doing more outreach in the community. Over time there will be a big improvement in the pet situation in the city.

Mr. Turner stated that the key consideration for the Public Safety budget is that at any time the alert level can be raised, Public Safety will respond with the manpower needed.

Todd Tande, Chief Financial Officer gave a slide presentation on the Public Safety Budget.

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Key points of the slide presentation are:

- The largest increase is to fund the merit contracts and the regular contract staff.
- The Drop program states that when an officer elects into the program, the officer locks in a retirement rate at that time and the plan sets aside cash as if the officer had retired.
- 87% of the funds are salaries and benefits.
- Staffing trends for the fire department, police department, and the civilian employees remain the same from 2004 to 2005
- The Fiduciary Pension Funds are higher for 2005 due to the ongoing retirements.
- The 2004 revised budget will change pending on the grant money received this year.
- In IFD, there are 125 firefighters eligible to retire in the 1977 plan, and there are 187 members that are eligible to retire in the 1937 plan. There are 471 current pensioners, 278 widows, 8 children, 51 firefighters on disability, and 28 firefighters to retire next year.
- In IPD, there are 1,232 in the 1977 plan and of those, 182 are eligible to retire. In the 1953 plan there are 159 members that are eligible to retire. There are 665 pensioners, 285 widows, and 10 children that are covered under the plan right now.

Mr. Turner stated the important thing about public safety is that there is never a compromise when it comes to public safety.

Chairwoman Moriarty Adams asked if there will be new classes of firefighters and police officers. Mr. Turner said there are always new classes because of the retirement rate, but the fire department is not increasing staff; they are replacing staff.

Councillor Oliver asked who pays for public events that require a lot of officers. Mr. Turner answered there is not a specific fee for public events.

Councillor Franklin asked how many pension plans there are. Mr. Tande stated there are four plans: the 1937 plan and the 1977 plan are for IFD and the 1953 plan and the 1977 plan are for IPD. Councillor Franklin asked if the 1937 plan is for firefighters that were hired before the year 1937. Mr. Tande said this plan is for firefighters that were hired between the years 1937 and 1977. Councillor Franklin asked how many employees are currently in the IFD pension plans. Mr. Tande stated in IFD there are 125 firefighters eligible to retire in the 1977 plan, and 187 firefighters eligible to retire in the 1937 plan.

Councillor Schneider asked if there is a mandatory retirement age. Mr. Tande stated there is a mandatory retirement age of 70.

Emergency Management

Steve Robertson, Emergency Management Planning Division (EMPD) Administrator, explained the Emergency Management portions of Exhibit A,

[Clerk's Note: These pages are on file with the original set of minutes from this meeting in the Council office.]

Key points are:

- EMPD was named an Urban Area Security Initiative Region making EMPD eligible for a \$10 million grant of which the state partners will keep 20 percent, so the reward for the city of Indianapolis will be about \$8.7 million.
- The EMPD and other Public Safety departments trained two teams of the City County Building employees, to provide light search and rescue.
- EMPD manages the Homeland Security grant funds that come through the community.
- EMPD coordinates and supports multi-agency responses to federally- declared disasters such as severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding.
- The Indianapolis Chapter of American Red Cross funds a position in the EMPD department.
- EMPD has created the Marion County Volunteers Active in Disasters program.

Gus Pappas, Weights and Measures Administrator, explained the job duties of weights and measures. He stated his department inspects close to 400,000 packages or products that have a weight or a measure on it. In addition this division inspects 9,500 pumps in Marion County.

Councillor Plowman asked what happens with a gas pump when it is not up to standard, and when a package of meat is not at the correct weight. Mr. Pappas stated if the pump is not approved, there is a red tag placed on that pump and it couldn't be removed until that pump has been repaired and re-inspected. The meat is pulled from the shelf right then and there.

Councillor Franklin asked how many employees are working in this division and how many gas stations there are in Marion County. Mr. Pappas answered there are 340 plus gas stations that are inspected by 6 employees.

Indianapolis Animal Care and Control

Jeffrey Bennett, Indianapolis Animal Care and Control Administrator, stated they are the largest animal control facility in the state of Indiana. He said the cost for animal control is between \$3.50 and \$4.00 per person. Animal Control now has a state of the art software system to track the animals that come into the facility and to track the number of calls from the public. The Animal Control department seeks to increase the number of adoptions, raise awareness of animal welfare issues and to reduce instances of animal abuse. He said they will go on 36,000 runs in 2004. The Animal Care and Control department has become more aggressive in writing citations to educate through enforcement so Animal Control does not have to revisit the same violator at a later time. This has caused a decrease the number of repeat offenses.

Chairwoman Moriarty Adams asked if the citation involves a fine. Mr. Bennett answered in the affirmative. Chairwoman Moriarty Adams asked at what location the citation is paid. Mr. Bennett stated it depends on the violation. If it is the first offense then the fine is \$50.00 and can be mailed. A second violation within a 12-month period requires a trip to Environmental Court, and they will pay the fines plus court costs. If it is an animal that does not have its current rabies vaccination, they automatically go to court, as do the more serious offenses like dog bites.

Councillor Talley asked if there are any volunteers that help out. Mr. Bennett answered in the affirmative. He said there are always opportunities for volunteers.

Councillor Oliver asked if pit-bull dogs have a different status than a regular dog. Mr. Bennett answered in the negative. Councillor Oliver asked if the animal control had any more calls regarding organized dogfights. Mr. Bennett stated he was not sure, but he could find out.

James Greeson, Indianapolis Fire Department (IFD) Chief, explained the IFD portion of the budget.

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Key points are.

- The arson division has a partnership with IPD.
- The arson division has a clearance rate of more than twice the national average.
- The maintenance division has saved the city over \$270,000 for doing in-house maintenance.
- The fire grant that was passed in 2001 is a grant that continues annually with an application for a maximum of \$750,000 per year.
- The fire grant funds will be used to upgrade the communications equipment.
- The IFD continues to educate citizens and students on fire prevention, fire safety and survival techniques. There are special programs like Stop Drop and Roll, and Survive Alive, which are taught throughout the whole school system in Marion County.
- Smoke detectors are given out to the citizens daily.

Chairwoman Moriarty Adams asked what the amount of total grant dollars is. Mr. Greeson said the total amount available to Marion County is \$3.6 million.

Chairwoman Moriarty Adams asked if there is any overtime in the budget for IFD for next year. Mr. Tande stated this is one of the challenges for next year. Public Safety did research to find out if it would cost more to have overtime or to hire additional help, and it is cheaper to hire more help. Chairwoman Moriarty Adams said she is amazed that there is no overtime in the budget and applauds the efforts. Mr. Greeson said he would like to develop a plan to relieve the overtime situation.

Councillor Oliver said he wanted to personally thank the fire department for a job well done.

Jerry Barker, Indianapolis Police Department Chief, explained IPD's portions of the budget.

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Key points are:

- Homeland Defense Preparedness is very important with IPD.
- Chief Barker is on a special committee of Homeland Defense working on the alert system.
- The grant money is only used for items that are needed. This money is spent with careful consideration.
- Most grant funds are used for Homeland Defense preparedness.
- The IPD handles the largest one-day sporting event in the world. - The Indianapolis 500.
- All of Marion County law enforcement have a very close connection with each other and work together on most big events.
- Over 220 officers are trained for crisis intervention.

- There is special training for officers that teaches the Spanish language and how to be more effective in dealing with the Hispanic community.
- The New IPD Helicopter identifies policemen by the ID numbers on the top of the patrol cars.
- Indianapolis is one of two jurisdictions in America that has the Palmprint AFIS systems. People come from all over the country to see the Palmprint AFIS system.
- 53,000 people have come through the Marion County Arrestee Processing center.

Councillor Franklin asked if IPD shares the Palmprint system with Marion County. Chief Barker answered in the affirmative. Councillor Franklin asked who paid for this and who will pay for the repairs when needed. Chief Barker stated the system was purchased with grant funds and if it needs to be repaired it would be an IPD expense.

Chairwoman Moriarty Adams asked how Public Safety arrives at the dollar amount that it will spend for overtime in 2005. Mr. Tande stated he would provide council with a break down of how the overtime is calculated. Ms. Lawrence stated there is a specific dollar amount that is also factored in for overtime.

Chairwoman Moriarty Adams stated she would commend the IPD on a job well done during the Indiana Black Expo.

Mr. Tande asked the committee to please pay close attention to the updated information in Characters 2 through 5 for Public Safety. These are true discretion items.

Councillor Franklin asked who uses the garage other than IPD. Mr. Tande stated IPD and IFD.

CONCLUSION

With no further business pending, and upon motion duly made, the Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee of the City-County Council was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Moriarty Adams, Chairwoman
Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee

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